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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparations for 15 August and Subsequent Presidential Briefings

1. Attached is a copy of my last weekly memorandum to NIOs, Office Directors and assorted interested parties on the status of briefing preparations. You may want to skim this to get a sense of where the process stands. The process will always need tuning in one way or another. The current tuning I am trying to do is twofold.

-To reduce somewhat the number of topics in the mill so I can work each topic more thoroughly. You're now getting some stuff that is half baked.

-To produce somewhat longer briefings. We're tending to condense too much in the Friday-Tuesday final preparation period.

2. The topics that you may want to cover with the President on 15 August include:

A. Major topics

(1) Soviet/Cuban Options in Southern Africa. ☐ and others are doing the political analysis to support this briefing. There will be nothing new for you to look at until late next week. I will send it to you if it seems appropriate.

(2) ☐ A package is attached which includes more material on the decision process and revised graphics.

(3) Afghanistan. A package from the NIO/NESA based on the IAM is included here.

(4) Arms Control Monitoring. The table is being revised. I found we had inadvertently dropped some things in earlier revisions. I am recovering and working them into the table which will take a couple more days to complete.

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✓ (5) Law of the Sea. This package includes material you have seen before. If you do not use this on 15 or 22 August we will drop it, or at least revise it extensively, because the next conference begins in New York on 22 August.

B. Filler topics. You have seen the briefings on Cuban Manpower and Nuclear Power in the LDCs. Packages are included here on the following two topics:

✓ (1) US-USSR Arms Transfer Comparison.

✓ (2) Thailand.

3. In preparation for the 22 August Presidential briefing packages are attached on the following two major topics:

A. This package contains revised and simplified graphics.

✓ B. European Unity. This package contains background material.

4. Finally attached is a package on Human Rights. My note in the package lays out some options and requests your guidance.



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Attachments

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